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On First Full Day, Reagan Gets in Near 10

Ronald Reagan got his wake-up call at 8:10 a.m. yesterday, had a leisurely breakfast with his wife in their new home and got to the office shortly before 10 o'clock for his first day on the job as president of the United States.

He'd had a big time the night before, making the rounds of one formal dinner and nine inaugural balls, but he arrived home at the White House at 12:25 a.m. — 40 minutes ahead of schedule, and aides said he went right to bed. He woke up only 10 minutes later than usual.

Reagan's habits are in marked contrast those of his predecessor, Jimmy Carter, who arose before dawn daily, often at 5 a.m., and made appointments for 7:15 or 7:30.

In another break with the recent past, Reagan received no morning briefing from his national security adviser. His counselor, Edwin Meese, said the CIA briefing paper was simply sent in to Reagan in the family quarters after he awoke.

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